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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(B) as being anticipated by Rockenfeller et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,666,819).

Rockenfeller et al. disclose a rapid sorption cooling apparatus and this apparatus may be attached or incorporated to a conventional, vapor compression or absorption refrigerator. The apparatus may also be combined with a conventional refrigerator and/or freezer (col.18, lines 14-24). The conventional refrigerator and freezer include single cooling chamber (e.g., U.S. Patent Number 2,088,276 of prior art provided in the office action mailed 6/3/2005). In regard to claims 1,2 and 9, the absorption refrigerator is considered as a first cooling means and the rapid sorption cooling apparatus is considered as a second cooling means. The rapid sorption cooling apparatus can perform rapid cooling or pre-cooling or simultaneous operation cooling of the chamber. Under the principals of inherency, if a prior art device, in its normal and usual operation, would necessarily perform the method claimed, then the method claimed will be considered to be anticipated by the prior art device. When the prior art device is the same as a device described in the specification for carrying out the claimed method, it can be assumed the device will inherently perform the claimed process. *Ir re King*, 801 F.2d 1324, 231 USPQ 136 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

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In regard to claim 3, Rockenfeller et al. disclose the working agent are ammonia, water or sulfur dioxide and the preferred adsorbent solids include nitrates, sulfates, chlorides, zinc and aluminum.

In regard to claims 4-6 and 10, Rockenfeller et al. disclose an adsorber reservoir 21, adsorbent described above, evaporator reservoir 55,66, evaporator 20 in the chamber, condenser 16 outside of the chamber cooling down the working medium, connecting lines 22,18,17 and valves 13,23.

In regard to claim 7, Rockenfeller et al. disclose the rapid cooling apparatus may be attached or incorporated to a conventional, vapor compression or absorption refrigerator.

In regard to claim 8, the control is inherent in the refrigerator.

3. Claims 1,2 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nesselmann et al. (U.S. Patent Number 2,088,276).

Nesselmann et al. disclose an absorption refrigerating system as shown in Fig.5. The system comprises a first cooling system 221,224,228, second cooling system 230,231,237 and a cooling chamber. The first cooling means includes a portion of top chamber and the second cooling includes a portion of side chamber.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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5. Claims 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rockenfeller et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,666,819) in view of Ebbeson (U.S. Patent Number 5,881,573).

In case Applicant considers the limitations of zeolite/water combination used in the adsorption system, Ebbeson discloses the adsorption system can use ammonia/salt or zeolite/water.

6. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rockenfeller et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,666,819).

In regard to claim 11, upon a close review of applicant's specification, it appears that the claimed locations do not have any criticality and/or lead to any new and unexpected results. Applicant does not specify the deficiencies of other locations used in the prior art. The cooling means can be provided at same side or different side. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have selected the different sides for the heat transfer since these particular locations provide no better or provided improved performance over that which is commonplace in the prior art.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37

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CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chen-Wen Jiang whose telephone number is (571) 272-4809.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 to 6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on (571) 272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Chen-Wen Jiang
Primary Examiner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Jiang', written in a cursive style.